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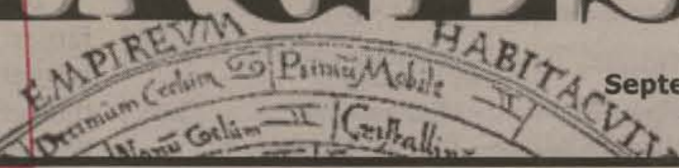
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LSU SHREVEPORT



by Kemisha Ware

Mattresses have been picked up, volunteers have been transferred and evacuees have been relocated. After serving as a shelter for three weeks, things are back to normal in the LSUS HPE Building.

On Sept. 13, three weeks after hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, the displaced residents housed in the HPE building were moved to Hirsch Memorial Coliseum.

According to Michelle Davidson, a representative from the Red Cross' northwest Louisiana chapter, the Red Cross ordered the move in an effort to consolidate the smaller shelters in the area. Those included were LSUS, the Century-Tel Center and a Mansfield church.

"In the wake of the storm we needed all of the space we could get," said Davidson. "The extra space is not needed now that evacuees are beginning to find housing and move in with relatives."

On Aug. 28, two days before Katrina made landfall, the HPE building became a shelter for evacuees fleeing the hurricane. By Aug. 31, the day after the storm, more than 400 displaced residents were being housed in the facility.

According to Courtney Stewart, a senior English major and Red Cross volunteer, the shelter expected only about 150

people.

"No one knew what the damage was going to be," said Stewart. "So we didn't prepare for that many people on Saturday. But by Sunday, we had twice as many people as we did beds."

Displaced residents packed into the HPE building as hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage along the Gulf Coast. However, as weeks passed, the number of displaced residents, residing in the HPE building, declined.

According to Kannetha Clam, a Red Cross volunteer, by Sept. 10, nearly 300 people had signed out of the shelter.

"We went from about 500

people to less than 200 people in two weeks," said Clam. "I'm happy we were here when they needed us. We were prepared to do what we could, as long as we could."

While the HPE building served as a shelter, health classes and some athletic practices, which usually took place in the gym, were moved.

The HPE building's facility manager Cheryl Crain said after being used as a shelter, the gym is still in good shape.

"There was no major damage to the facility," said Crain. "The gym floor was scuffed, but it has been refinished."

The HPE building reopened Wednesday, and LSUS spirit groups returned to practicing in the gym, the former safe haven of hurricane Katrina evacuees.

BACK TO NORMAL

Four weeks after Hurricane Katrina it's not what's in the HPE building but what's not: hundreds of evacuees



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Corrections

No corrections this week.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Living a healthy lifestyle is so important in our society today. With all the information available about nutrition and the benefits of staying active, we should really be the most healthy generation of people. But modern-day conveniences and hectic lifestyles can take their toll on our health. We don't have to walk anywhere thanks to cars and elevators, and in our fast-paced world, who has time to walk anywhere anyway?

Especially for those of us in college. I know for me there are barely enough hours in the day to accomplish all the tasks I have to complete between work and school. I think too many people can relate to that feeling of having too little time.

But when it comes to our health, we have to make the time. Relying on junk food from the vending machine just because it's quick and convenient will catch up to you eventually. Anyone who is serious about adopting a healthier lifestyle should hear the speaker who is coming to campus Wednesday. Deanna

Latson is a Clinically Certified Nutritionist who has spoken to people all over the country about how to eat better and maintain optimum health. She bypasses all the "fad diet" talk that is so prevalent and gives real advice that anyone can put into practice in their lives.

She will give advice on what foods are best for test days and during finals week as well as discussing the top ten foods that can hinder your weight loss goals and how to avoid the "freshman 15."

The Student Activities Board brings activities like this to campus for all of us to benefit from and enjoy. Don't let your student activities fee money go to waste. Catch Latson's speech Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theatre and make a commitment to a healthier lifestyle.

Nikki Neal
Editor-in-Chief

Girls & SPORTS

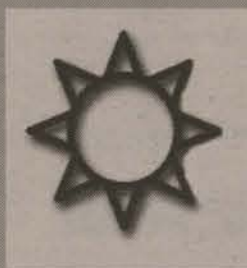


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FRIDAY:
Mostly Sunny
Hi: 95 Lo: 72

SATURDAY:
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Hi: 88 Lo: 71

SUNDAY:
Scat'd T-storms
Hi: 85 Lo: 71

MONDAY:
Isol. T-storms
Hi: 90 Lo: 69

TUESDAY:
Sunny
Hi: 90 Lo: 67

WEDNESDAY:
Partly Cloudy
Hi: 89 Lo: 64

Williams dispels myths about Constitution

by Mike Schwalke

Last Friday in the UC Theatre, LSUS celebrated the first mandated Constitution Day with a speech from the Hon. Frank J. Williams, chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. The event, which was cosponsored by the Student Activities Board and the LSUS Lincoln Center for American Studies, drew over 200 students, faculty and community members.

Though Constitution Day has been celebrated every Sept. 17 since ratification, a tail-rider to last year's Senate appropriations bill inserted by Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.) made celebration of the Constitution mandatory for any school receiving federal funds.

Williams said he intended to take an anecdotal approach to talking about the lasting relevance of our nation's supreme secular document. "[I want] to address some of the myths that have grown around the Constitution," Williams said in an earlier interview.

Williams addressed five fallacies, chief among them that the Constitution is outdated

and cannot be applied to today's reality. To debunk this misconception, Williams pointed to how the First Amendment, guaranteeing free speech, has been applied to the Internet or how the Fourth Amendment dealing with privacy—illegal

dom—that freedom is never a completed process. Indeed, freedom is a measure of what one does not have: obligation or responsibility.

A brief question-and-answer session followed the speech. Joshua Scott, sopho-

Army by George W. Bush.

Though Williams did briefly discuss his thoughts on why these tribunals are both allowable and necessary, Scott was not satiated.

"He avoided the hardball stuff," Scott said after the

"Most people don't get very excited about the Constitution (even though) it's more important than the Fourth of July," said Dr. William Pederson, professor of political science. Pederson also thought that the questions posed by the audience were excellent—indicative of an effective presentation.

Pederson, LSUS's resident Lincoln aficionado, invited Williams. The two have been friends and colleagues since meeting in 1992 for the first conference in the south on Abraham Lincoln. In addition to being Lincoln scholars, the two have co-edited or co-authored a half-dozen books and articles on the sixteenth president.

Williams owns the world's largest private collection of Lincoln memorabilia—the Frank and Virginia Licolniana Collection, a collection of some 12,000 books, 20,000 artifacts and 40,000 newspaper clippings which he has accumulated since childhood.

Williams and Pederson are actively involved in the Bicentennial Commission of Abraham Lincoln which is planning events for February 2009.

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professor of political science

search and seizure—pertains to electronic wire taps.

"The Constitution is a living document," Williams said in his speech, meaning that it is inherently flexible so that it can adapt to changing times. "The debate about [the Constitution] keeps it vital."

Williams also noted that the Constitution reflects America's eternal quest for free-

dom—more political science major, asked about the constitutionality of the president's war powers, namely the establishment of military tribunals to try enemy combatants now captive at Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere. Williams, in addition to his duties as chief justice, serves on these military review panels. He was awarded the equivalent rank of major general in the

speech.

Geoff Mangin, U.S. history adjunct professor, was more pleased. "[Williams] explained complicated matters very clearly," Mangin said. Mangin also invited his students to earn extra credit by attending the speech, hoping that Williams would help his students gain an historical and political perspective on the Constitution.

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SGA UPDATE

Topics discussed at the Sept. 15 SGA meeting:

- Appointment of new senators; Dominique Horton, Audrey Moore, Navneet Sharma, Ryan LeBlanc and Clint Bowers
- Student Success Series conflicting with SGA meeting times
- Lack of student representation on the Student Conduct Board
- SGA planned hurricane relief effort

SGA meetings are held Thursdays during
Common Hour in the Webster Room in the
University Center.

LSUS professor delivers McMurtry Lecture

'It was one of the great honors of my life'

by Michael Scott

Dr. William Pederson, American Studies chair at LSUS, became the first political science professor to deliver the annual R. Gerald McMurtry Lecture at Fort Wayne, Ind. The lecture, titled "The Impact of Abraham Lincoln's Constitutional Legacy: A Global Look," was written and delivered by Pederson at the Lincoln Museum Saturday.

Pederson, who is also the director of the International Lincoln Center at LSUS, was chosen by the Lincoln Museum's board of directors a year ago and invited via e-mail. According to Pederson, the McMurtry lecture is considered one of the nation's most important lectures on Abraham Lincoln.

"It was one of the great honors of my life," said Pederson.

The lecture focused on Lincoln's jurisprudence at an international level, tracing his views and their relevance to modern politics. Pederson's lecture marks the 26th year of the McMurtry series, which is endowed by the Lincoln Museum.

Pederson, who has been teaching for 28 years, began studying Abraham Lincoln 15 years ago after developing a ratings approach when discussing former presidents. Through his research, Pederson discovered that Abraham Lincoln was almost always ranked as the best president in U.S. history.

In 1992, LSUS expanded its annual

lecture series into a presidential conference series, becoming one of only two in the US. The first president chosen for discussion was Abraham Lincoln, which gave Pederson a chance to present his research. In 2002, he was appointed to the national advisory committee of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. According to Pederson, Abraham Lincoln is considered the greatest democratic leader in history, based on publication.

"[Lincoln] sets a model for what ordinary people may be able to achieve if they put their mind to it," said Pederson.

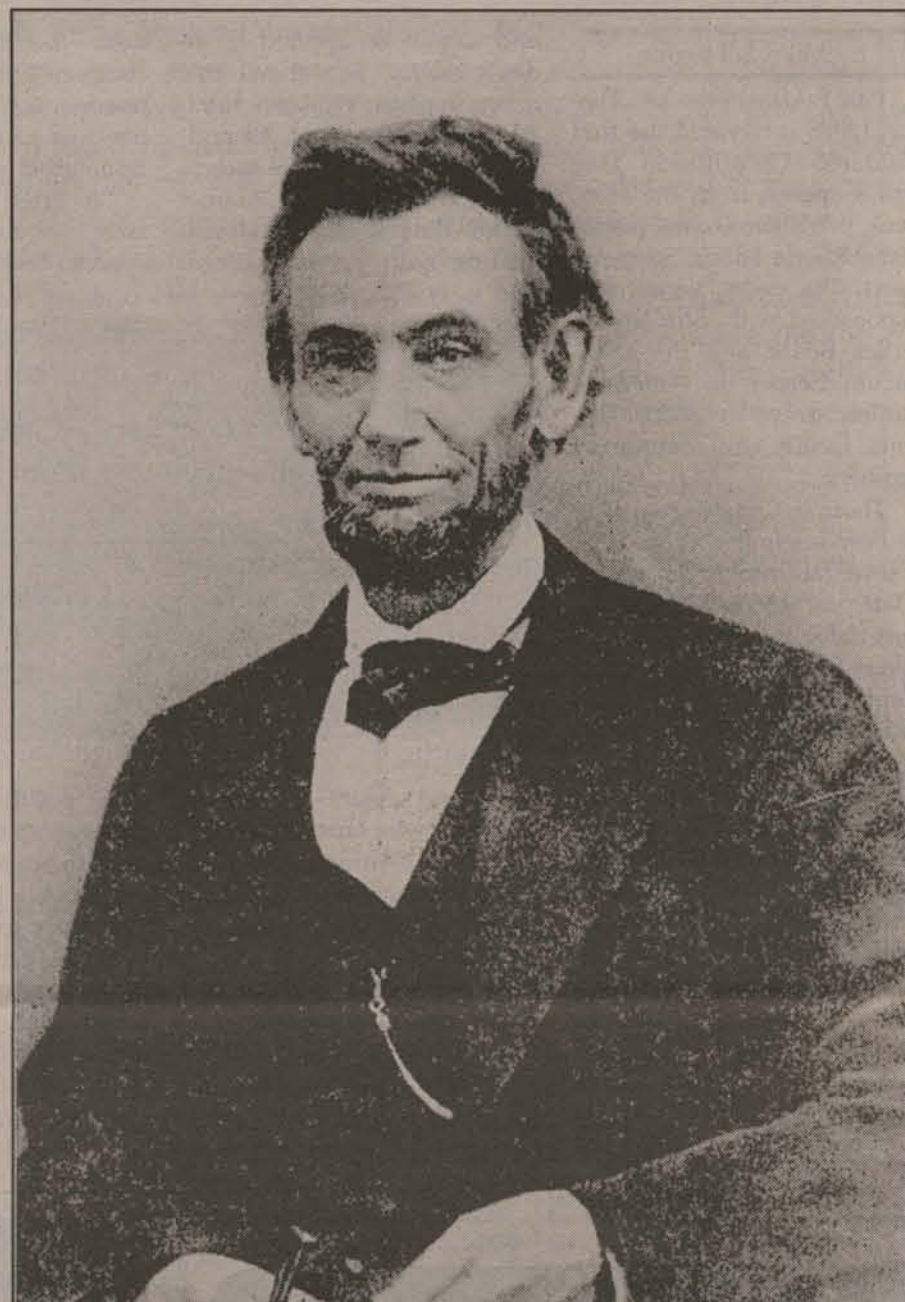
"Dr. Pederson has a reputation internationally as a Lincoln scholar," said Larry Anderson, dean of Liberal Arts. "He brings what he learns into the classroom."

According to Anderson, it is an expectation of many colleges and universities for professors to be engaged in ongoing research. Professors are also expected to present the results of their research, which is usually done in the form of publications or conferences.

"Ideally there's a connection between professional work and teaching," said Anderson. "It's an honor for any professor to give a keynote speech."

Pederson's lecture will be published in the next edition of Lincoln Lore, the Lincoln Museum's quarterly journal.

Additional information regarding the journal can be found online at www.TheLincolnMuseum.org.



Abraham Lincoln, the nation's sixteenth president, was the topic of Dr. William Pederson's speech given at the Lincoln Museum Saturday.

Riser joins LSUS Campus Police

by Greg Williams

The LSUS Police Department has hired new officer Ted Riser.

Riser graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. He has over 25 years experience in law enforcement. Riser spent 22 years working for the state police where he was a member of the SWAT team for 15 years.

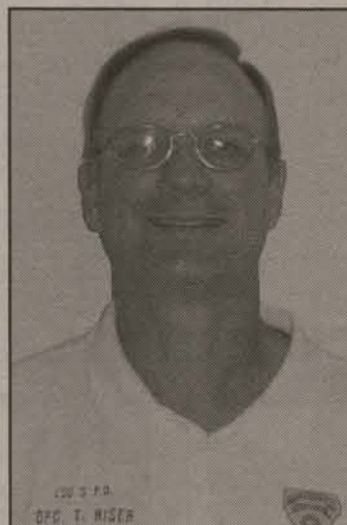
After his retirement in 1995 he was elected sheriff of Webster Parish where he held that office for eight years. As sheriff of Webster Parish he designed and built Bayou Dorcheat Correction Center, which was the only parish or county jail built on federal property.

After serving in Webster Parish for eight years, he was appointed by former Governor Mike Foster to serve on the Louisiana Highway Commission and the Louisiana Corrections Facilities Corporation.

Riser is married and has one son, Larkin, who is attending Bossier Parish Community College with a major in criminal justice.

"Chief LaBorde has put together one of the most experienced and highly trained police departments in the state, and I'm proud to be a part of it," said Riser.

To contact the University Police call 797-5082.



Ted Riser

WEIGHTLIFTING KATRINA FUNDRAISER

The 2005 Louisiana Governor's Games Weightlifting Championships hosted by the LSUS Weightlifting Club will be held Sept. 24.

The \$20 entry fee will be donated to the LSUS Foundation Emergency Relief Fund to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

For more information contact Kyle Pierce at 795-4241

LSUS soccer team on winning streak

Season had slow start but Lady Pilots pick up speed

by P.J. Williamson

All heads are were turned toward "The Swamp," home of the Lady Pilots soccer team, where just a few weeks ago they christened the field with a desire to be the best team to come out of LSUS. They opened up the season with two losses but since then have been on a winning streak.

Leading the team this year are Captains Michelle Williamson and Brenna Brusart who said they have not had any difficulty leading the team.

"We got those first two games out of the way, but we learned to work a lot better since the beginning of the season," said Williamson.

They have been doing just that with wins of two goals or more, putting much fear into the hearts of goalies across the

region. Included in the team's wins is an 8-0 whipping of Division I school, Texas Southern University.

Kristin Schaefer, defense, said, "We just needed to see how everybody played, and

confidence, the women's soccer team has high hopes of reaching the GCAC tournament and even winning the title.

Williamson said, "I'm not looking forward to just one

The win streak has sparked a lot of emotion from the new team—feelings of pure excitement and determination.

"I didn't know how well we were going to do since this is our first year," said Hannah Jennings, defense, "but now I have more confidence than I've ever had."

After a 3-0 win over Hendrix College this past Friday, the Lady Pilot's Soccer team continues its streak to six straight wins and their 3rd shutout this season. Their record is now 6-2 and they are now getting ready for conference play and the second half of their first year.

The next Lady Pilot's game will be tomorrow in Hammond, against Division I school Southeastern Louisiana at 4:30 p.m.

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Hannah Jennings
defense
Lady Pilots soccer team

once we noticed that we started working together."

With the newly gained

game. I'm looking forward to all the games this year, especially the GCAC tournament."

SPORTS UPDATE

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCORES

9/9/2005 LSUS (2) vs. Millsaps College (1)

9/11/2005 LSUS (8) vs. Texas Southern University (0)

9/16/2005 LSUS (3) vs. Hendrix College (0)

UPCOMING SOCCER GAMES

9/23/2005 - 4:30 p.m. LSUS vs. Southeastern Louisiana at Hammond, LA

9/25/2005 - 1 p.m. LSUS vs. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at New Orleans, LA

9/27/2005 - 7 p.m. LSUS vs. Louisiana College at Pineville, LA

*10/4/2005 - 2 p.m. University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff at LSUS

*10/8/2005 - 1 p.m. Loyola University at LSUS

10/14/2005 - 7 p.m. University of Mobile at Mobile, AL

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In other news

Hurricane survivor found after 18 days

On Friday Sept. 16, a California-based FEMA worker found 76 year-old Gerald Martin in the attic of his New Orleans home as searchers combed his neighborhood. According to his FEMA rescuers, Martin was dehydrated and hungry after going 18 days without food or human contact.

Rita brushes Florida Keys

Monday, Florida officials ordered the lower Florida Keys to evacuate as a strengthening Hurricane Rita headed toward the island chain, threatening to grow into a hurricane with a potential 8-foot storm surge.

Some residents return to Orleans Parish

Residents of the Algiers section of New Orleans, the first section of the parish to reopen, returned to their homes Monday morning as part of New Orleans mayor Ray Nagin's plan to bring residents back to the city one ZIP code at a time. Mayor Nagin suspended the reopening just hours after the residents of Algiers began to return. The sudden halt was a result of Tropical Storm Rita, which was predicted to strengthen to a hurricane late Monday while making its way into the Gulf of Mexico. The threat of another hurricane hitting New Orleans prompted the mayor to urge all residents that just returned and ones that never left the city to pack up and leave New Orleans.

Bossier students to donate money

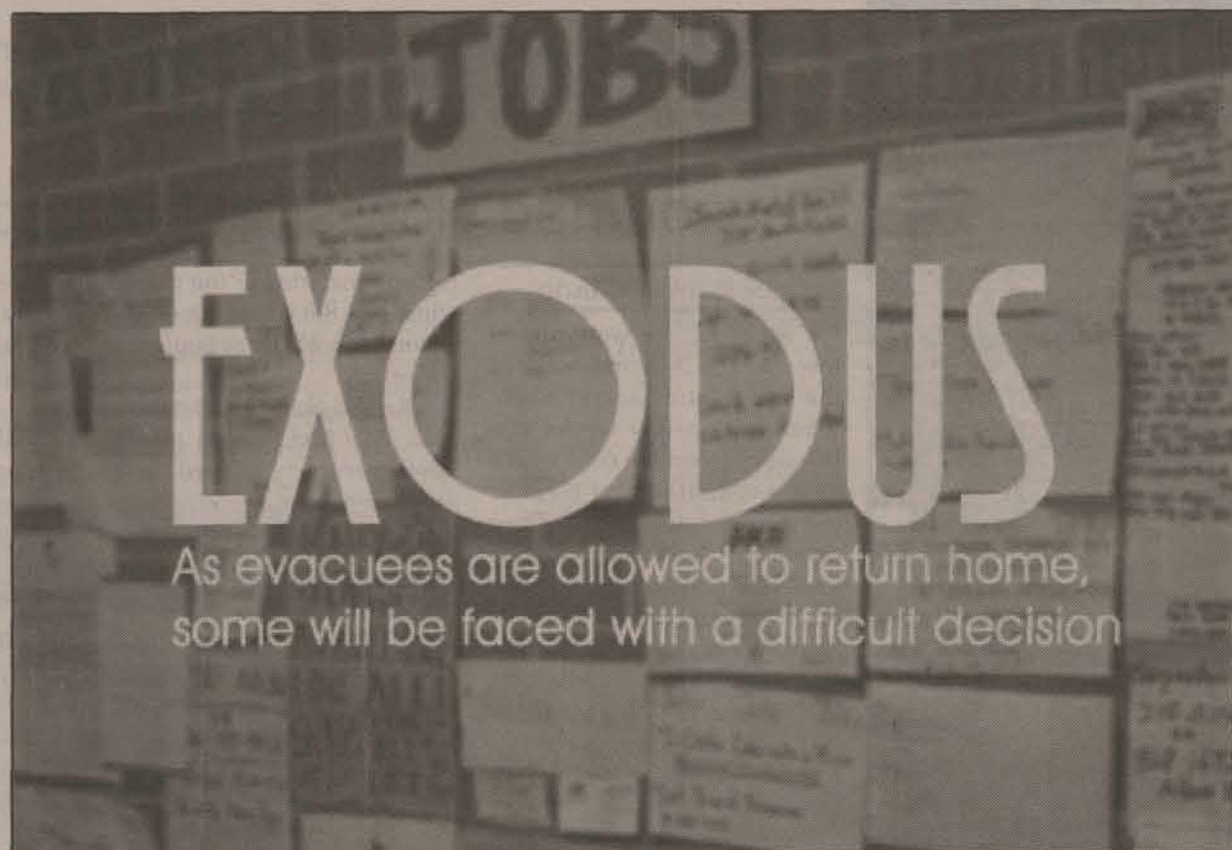
Bossier City school bus driver Kathy O'Glee collected \$76, mostly from students, on Bus 105 at Rusheon Middle School. O'Glee said she didn't tell to students to donate money, they came up with the idea on their own. O'Glee gave the money to Rusheon the week after Hurricane Katrina to help pay for school uniforms for students who enrolled after the storm shut down their home schools.

Unemployment on the rise

A total of 68,000 Americans who lost their jobs due to Hurricane Katrina filed for unemployment benefits last week, pushing these applications up by the largest amount in nearly a decade. The Labor Department reported that claims for benefits rose by 71,000 last week, with 68,000 of that total attributed to layoffs due to Katrina.

Caddo teachers get phones

According to the Caddo Parish School Board, by Thanksgiving Caddo teachers will be able to talk with parents and schedule conferences by telephone without leaving their classrooms. BellSouth employees will start training teachers and school administrators to use the wireless classroom phones by Sept. 26. The phones operate over the district's wireless computer and communications network. Once out of the network's range — generally the edge of a school campus — they can't be used. All phones will have voice mail.



by Mike Schwalke

Hurricane Katrina displaced an estimated one million people from the Gulf Coast. Many of those evacuated came to the Ark-La-Tex at least temporarily.

Susan Beal, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, estimated that 25,000 evacuees occupied area hotels and Red Cross shelters. This number does not include those who stayed with friends or relatives or in church-sponsored shelters.

As reports of the magnitude of Katrina's devastation came in, evacuees in the Ark-La-Tex began to deal with the fact that their exodus would not be short-lived. Though the actual numbers will not be available until the end of October, Beal believes that the increased population will cause a spike in rentals and retail sales for September.

Moreover, a recent poll conducted by the Washington Post and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation reported that 44 percent of evacuees polled had decided to leave New Orleans permanently. Beal believes this number may be overestimated due to the heightened emotions of the evacuees.

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director of Center for Business
and Economic Research

best course of action," she said.

The fact remains that people are having to adjust from being residents for the short term, but this short term could be weeks, months or years.

"Everything in my life is tentative right now," said Ian Price, sophomore communications major. Price, a transient student from UNO, had been in New Orleans about eight months and had just begun his third semester when he was forced to evacuate. Like many evacuees in this area, Price had roots in Shreveport. And like many evacuees he does not think

that he will return.

Price was lucky in a sense: he was able to get a job to help his transition. His employer, Matthew Linn, owner of Columbia Café on the corner of Kings Highway and Creswell, had a help wanted sign posted for over a year. Now, all of those positions are full. Linn said he had 13 applicants in addition to the three evacuees he hired in the last three weeks.

In addition to employees, Linn also offered free coffee to evacuees who could then use his restaurant's wireless Internet access to get breaking information in the days after the storm. He has seen his business pick up in recent weeks.

"This is a New Orleans style restaurant," he said. "People recognize that and may feel more comfortable here."

Chloe Kilman was also hired at the Columbia Café. Like Price, Kilman has family in the area and like Price, does not know where she will go when the Gulf Coast stabilizes, though she doubts it will be back to New Orleans.

"I don't want to stay here [in Shreveport] forever," she said.

Kilman returned to UNO to take science classes, ostensibly to enter medical school. Now she is waiting for online classes to start up in October. Price, on the other hand, will be attending LSUS for at least this semester while he looks at out-of-state schools to transfer to.



Recently I've had the extreme displeasure of traveling around town without the luxury of air conditioning. This means when the sweet release of exiting the ol' Plymouth comes around, it looks like I'm halfway through running a marathon on the surface of the sun.

I've been wondering what people must think as I pull up to stoplights blaring the latest from Sigur Rós. It's certainly not something you'd expect to hear someone listening to with the windows down. For starters, all the lyrics are in Icelandic and frontman Jónsi Birgisson plays guitar with a cello bow while singing with all the low-end vocal range of a eunuch.

Sigur Rós translates to "victory rose" and was named after Birgisson's little sister who was born the same day the band formed. They say it's a common name over there but the extraordinary music they create is anything but typical over here. Iceland's bizarre group of musicians (Björk, Mum) tend to best described by two words: beautiful and weird.

Birgisson sings in Icelandic this time around but is better known for singing in Hopelandic - an "invented language" that Birgisson used over the entirety of Sigur Rós' third album "()" that's technically gibberish with no grammar or vocabulary.



Sigur Rós — "Takk"

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"Takk," which means thank you, is the band's fourth full-length release.

The band has said in the past that they don't consider themselves artists or composers, but it's hard to consider them anything less. The band's pristine soundscapes are crafted with so much care that the alien arrangements they create trigger emotions in a way few musicians ever could.

Like a chilly daydream with minutes of ringing bells that shimmer like sunlight through icicles and looping piano

melodies that dance with Birgisson's falsetto siren songs, Sigur Rós produce audible but invisible fairy tales that are filled with a sort of mysticism that captures the imagination.

For those of us who don't speak Icelandic, or had no idea Iceland had its own language in the first place, the absence of comprehensible words with established weights and multiple meanings only adds to the mesmerizing effect of the band's music. The sheer beauty of Birgisson's voice is universal.

"Takk" offers an escape, a safe haven where the trivial thoughts of the day give way to an icy lull that is comforting in its coldness. It's a perfect soundtrack for sleeping or snowy days that will leave your eyes dry from too much staring into space. It's as if the music pulls the listener into a state of hypnosis.

Even for casual listeners who may be intimidated by its unique nature - it may sound weird but it's as accessible as an album sung in Icelandic could ever hope to be - this is a must have.

Sure, it's not something you'd want to throw into rotation at a house party, but for the individual listener it continues to offer the kind of private experience only Sigur Rós can deliver.

Sept. 20 New Releases: The 88 "Over And Over," A.R.E. Weapons "Free In The Streets," American Analog Set "Set Free," Broadcast "Tender Buttons," Cage "Hell's Winter," Clue To Kalo "One Way, It's Every Way," Echo & The Bunnymen "Siberia," The Fall "Head's Roll," Ghostface Killah "Raw Footage," Nada Surf "The Weight Is A Gift," Old 97's "Alive & Wired," Oranger "New Comes And Goes," The Standard "Albatross"

Chris: Well...I guess this movie was ok. It was humorous in some parts, and in other parts it made you go, 'Aww, how cute.'

Derrick: Just ok? I thought this was one of the better feel-good movies I've seen lately. It had it all: romance, comedy, drama and of course an appropriate dose of sappiness.

Chris: Not really. It followed the same basic formula you see in all romantic comedies. Although I think the concept was really good, and that impressed me.

Derrick: Of course it's going to follow the basic formula. It is after all still a romantic comedy. The real gold was in the way the story was presented. You have a guy who rents an apartment only to find the spirit of the previous tenant still inhabiting the place, followed by various comedic exchanges only to realize in the end that fate had brought them together. Plus the interactions between the characters were portrayed in such a natural way; you could tell the movie was a lot of fun to make.

Chris: I see what your saying. The acting was very good, and it felt natural. The cast had very good chemistry. The director did a very good job directing the dialogue, and the scenes were laid out nicely. But it was so predictable, and that was a major failing point for me just

because you see so many of these types of movies and you already know they are going to end with one of two endings.

Derrick: I think there's a certain level of predictability in most movies today. Not to say that's how it should be, but I guess the audience appreciates the comfort zone. Besides, movies like this are intended for couples. A happy ending in the movie might lead to a happy ending at home. Throw in a bad ending, and not only do you have a theater full of disappointed people but an instant romance killer.

Chris: Well, we ain't dating bro so why you drug me to this I have no idea. You are right about the comfort zone, and I can see how audiences can grow accustomed to that. Still once you have seen one romantic comedy, you have seen them all. This is definitely a couples movie, so guys if your lil' lady is tired of seeing your flicks, take them to this. I think you might be wrong though, Derrick, if you think it ensures a happy ending at home. The guys might be like, "Why did we go see that?" and the argument ensues or there could be no ending at home at all except going straight to sleep. Still some parts were very heart warming. I won't lie; I was impressed that it wasn't too gushy. It was very down to earth for the most part and serious.



"Just Like Heaven"

Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo, Donal Logue, Dina Spybey and Jon Heder

Derrick: Ok Chris, but can't you say, "Once you've seen one, you've seen them all" with most movies? Let's face it, there isn't too much originality coming out of Tinseltown these days. Secondly, any smart guy is going to know that as long as she's happy, they'll be happy. If you see this movie, keep your criticisms to yourself gentlemen, unless you prefer your own touch over your girl's.

Chris: Yeah, I can say that. I do agree that there is not a lot of originality coming out of Hollywood now, and that's why I can say that because everything is a remake or has been done already. Back to the issue at hand though. "Just Like Heaven" was an ok movie. I would highly recommend it to couples, and it

was serious yet light hearted and in some instances very funny. I laughed out loud quite a bit, but I would not advise anyone to see it alone unless you just absolutely are looking for a way to kill time before a dentist appointment or something.

Derrick: I still say the movie was really good. Great on-screen chemistry between the actors along with some entertaining dialog, a beautiful setting (it's San Francisco, what more can I say) and a charming story make this a must see for anyone, solo or accompanied. The idea of love transcending all boundaries, though death may be a challenge, is still as appealing to the public as steroids are to professional baseball players.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 22

Movie Night on the Mall
"The Longest Yard"
at dark

Madden Challenge
UC Art Gallery
10:30 a.m.

Table Tennis
UC Game Room
10:30 a.m.

Drama Club Meeting
Bronson Hall 336
10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Psychology Club Meeting
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, September 24

Weightlifting Championships
HPE building

Monday, September 26

Madden Challenge
UC Art Gallery
10:30 a.m.

Total Body Blast Class Dance
Room - HPE Building
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27

Weight Training Class
Weight Room
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Pilates
Mat Room - HPE Building
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28

Total Body Blast Class
Dance Room - HPE Building
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

"Eat Right, Feel Good,
Look Great" -
Deanna Latson
UC Theatre
7 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

That One Guy
UC Port Stage
10:30 a.m.

SAB Family Night
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sororities make recruitment changes

by Chelsea Fuller

Every fall, campus sororities gather together and showcase their groups to interested students in an effort to gain new members through a formal recruitment weekend. This year, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities are adopting new recruitment methods.

The usual weekend-long

recruitment has been changed. Recruitment is now taking place over a couple of weeks.

"I think it is helping the sororities," said Lauren Wood, sophomore accounting major and vice president of the Panhellenic Council. "A lot of the parents did not feel safe with the girls coming up to the campus at night."

In the past there have been

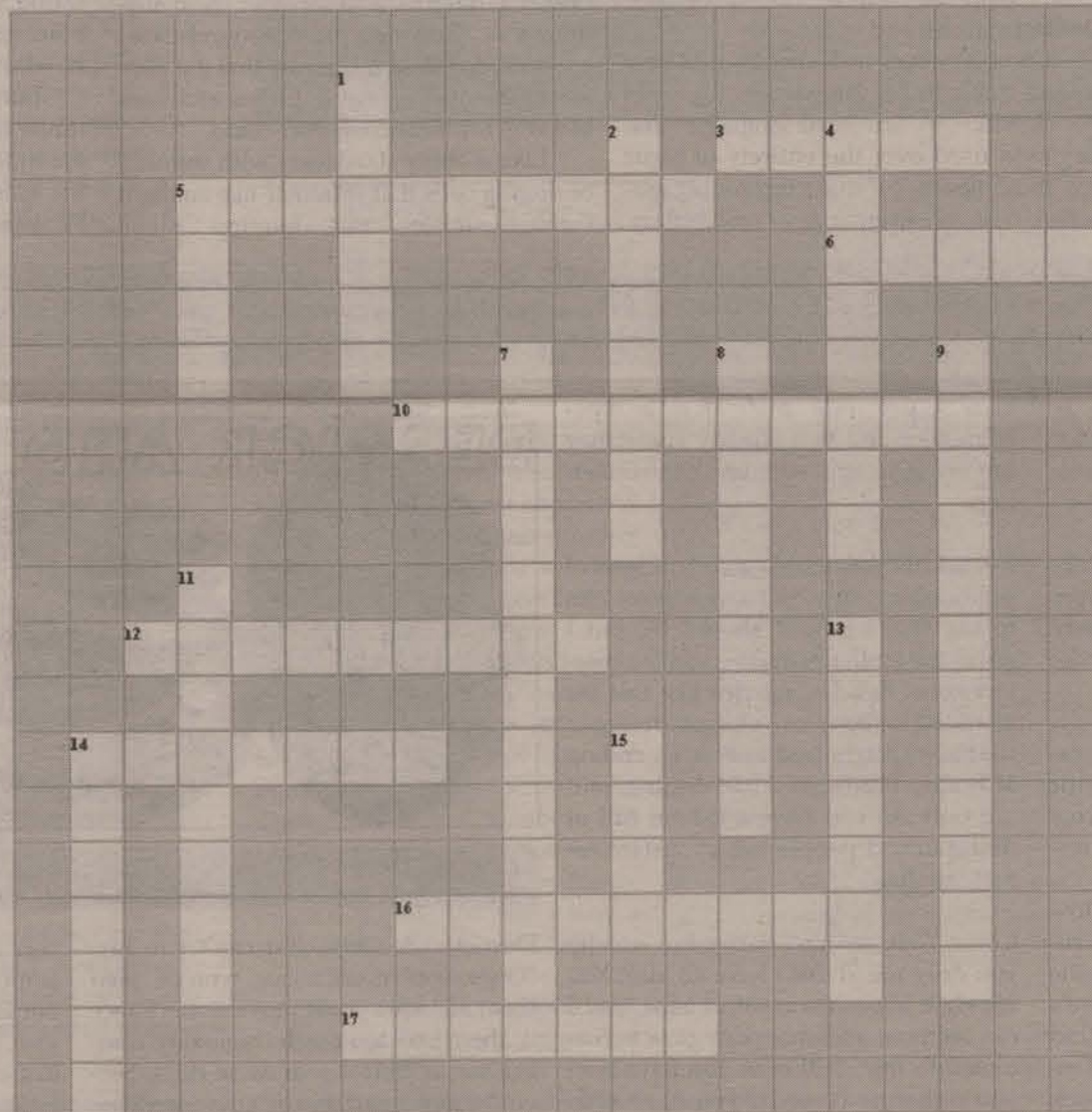
fees to participate in the recruitment weekend, and students have been asked to dress to impress. This semester a more informal recruitment is occurring during Common Hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students interested in going through sorority recruitment are able to meet with both sororities and find out when their parties are and

how they may join.

"I think it will be better," said Kimberly Thornton, assistant director of student activities and Greek adviser. "There is no recruitment fee, and it is during school hours making it easier for girls. It will be great that it is informal."

Recruitment concludes on Friday, Sept. 30 with the Bid Day event outside on the mall.

Crossword Puzzle



Last week's answers

ACROSS

3. Lee
4. Pacino
5. Shrek
6. Depp
7. Boyle
11. Jolie
13. Brando
14. Guinness
15. Theron
16. Legally Blonde
17. Berry

DOWN

1. Deniro
2. Woody
5. Spielberg
8. Training Day
9. Alba
10. 50 cent
12. Fonda

Across

3. New Orleans mayor
5. country vowing to end nuclear arms program
6. Eagle who wanted larger contract
10. Sony gaming system
12. host of Emmy Awards
14. Bush's recent Supreme Court Justice nominee
16. location of new "Survivor"
17. country that band Sigur Rós call home

Down

1. speaker coming to UC Theatre Sept. 28
2. LSUS political science professor who gave McMurtry Lecture
4. "Simpsons" and "Futurama" creator
5. newest iPod model
7. three words that start Melville's "Moby Dick"
8. rapper who said "Bush doesn't like black people"
9. stadium Tulane football team played in last weekend
11. electric piano or computer input device
13. new LSUS mascot
14. male star of "Just Like Heaven"
15. screen of death color in Windows